

REMARKS

Claim objections

Claims 28, 32, and 35 because 2n as recited in these claims should be 2". Applicant has made this correction via amendment.

Claims 1-27

Claims 1-27 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Applicant has cancelled these claims to ready the present patent application for allowance.

Claims 28-37

Claims 28-37 have been allowed.

Claims 38-47

Claims 38-47 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Applicant has cancelled these claims to ready the present patent application for allowance.

Claims 48-53

Claim 48 is an independent claim, from which claims 49-53 ultimately depend. Claims 48-49 and 51-53 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ulichney (6,487,308). Claim 50 has been objected to as containing allowable subject matter, but depending from a rejected base independent claim. Claim 50 depends from claim 49, which depends from independent claim 48.

Applicant has amended claim 48 to recite the patentable subject matter of claim 50, as well as the subject matter of claim 49 on which claim 50 depends. Claims 49 and 50 have been

cancelled. Applicant thus submits that claim 48 as amended is allowable, such that claims 51-53 are allowable at least because they depend from an allowable base independent claim.

Claims 54-55

Claim 54 is an independent claim, from which claim 55 depends. Claim 54 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ulrichney. Claim 55 has been objected to as containing allowable subject matter, but depending from a rejected base independent claim. Claim 55 depends directly from claim 54. Applicant has amended claim 54 to recite the patentable subject matter of claim 55, and has cancelled claim 55. Applicant thus submits that claim 54 is allowable.

Claims 56-60

Claims 56-60 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement. Applicant has cancelled these claims to ready the present patent application for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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